

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-25 are pending, claims 4-10 having been withdrawn in response to a restriction requirement.

Claims 11-15 are allowed.

Claims 1, 16 and 25 are objected to because of informalities.

Claims 1 and 25 have been hereby cancelled.

Claim 16 has been amended to overcome the informalities. Applicant respectfully asserts that the amendment to claim 16 is not a narrowing amendment made for a reason related to the statutory requirements for a patent that will give rise to prosecution history estoppel.

Claims 19-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. These claims have been cancelled.

Claims 1-3, 17-19, and 25-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. These claims have also been cancelled.

Claims 1-3 stand rejected as being anticipated by Komori. Applicant has cancelled claims 1-3.

Applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is now in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue.

With the addition of no new claims in excess of those already paid for, no additional filing fees are due. However, the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 23-2426 of WINSTEAD SECHREST & MINICK P.C.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments concerning this paper or the present application in general, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (512)370-2851.

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